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The Pipevine

Newsletter of the Mount Lassen Chapter
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

General Meeting

MARCH 2, 2016
Wednesday 7:30 pm
Butte County Library, Chico

Presented by JOHN WHITTLESEY

Native Plants for the Garden and the Pollinators they Attract

Gardens, if the right plants are chosen, can provide habitat for a whole range of insect life - our native bees and bumble bees, for fascinating flies, moths and butterflies. John will share his passion for observing flower visitors - which mostly includes pollinators, but on occasion the predator that stalks them. In this program he will discuss some of the best California native plants for attracting the insect world into gardens.

For the past 4 years he's become passionate about observing and photographing flower visitors. It is a fascinating world that the macro lens has opened to him. The more he learns, the more questions he has about this complex relationship between flowering plants and insects.

John is a landscape contractor specializing in designing and installing drought tolerant gardens. His goal in garden making is to use regionally adapted plants with aesthetically pleasing design to provide a sustainable, welcoming habitat for all manner of life - including pollinators, birds and of course people. He is also the author and photographer of *The Plant Lover's Guide to Salvias* published by Timber Press.

YAHI TRAIL FIELD TRIP AND MAINTENANCE

March 12, Saturday

It's time to get back on the Yahi Trail in Upper Bidwell Park to do some clearing and cleaning. With Spring upon us it is a good time to assess the overall health of the Trail and see if there are some areas that need special attention. So let us combine a work outing with a field trip to enjoy the Trail and care for it at the same time.

Meet at Parking Lot E, east of Horseshoe Lake at 8 am to car pool to the start of the Trail. There we'll decide how to best tackle both objectives. If you plan to do some vegetation clearing, you can bring your own loppers and gloves which will also be available to loan. Please bring you own water container that can be filled from a provided igloo. Contact Steve Overlock at 530 828-0966 or stephenoverlock@sbcglobal.net

BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT

March 19, Saturday

Join us for the ceremonies at 11 am or carpool with Woody Elliott from Chico Park & Ride (Hwys 32 & 99) at 8 am. For info see President's Message on page 3.

BIDWELL RANCH UPPER BIDWELL PARK

March 20, Sunday

10 am to Noon. Meet at the east end of the Wildwood Park parking lot. An easy two mile walk through the Bidwell Ranch portion of Upper Bidwell Park to view grassland and vernal habitats. We will look at various aspects of the site and should be able to view many of the early spring wildflowers at their peak. Relatively flat ground, but uneven and possibly muddy. Wear appropriate footwear, bring water, wear sun (or rain) protection. Leader: Janna Lathrop, 530 228-0010

NOMLAKI TRAIL

March 26, Saturday

Meet at 8:30 am at Chico Park & Ride west parking lot (Hwy 99/32) and we'll travel to Corning, and then west about 30 miles. We welcome Shasta Chapter members who will join us on this trip. Two hikes are scheduled this year for the Nomlaki Trail. This first one walks the southernmost portion beginning with a gentle downhill from Forest Road M4 through chaparral and into the regrowth of an old burn area and towards Bowers Creek. We expect to see Indian warrior, late fawn lilies, scarlet fritillary and various shrubs. Many of the flowers and shrubs encountered will be the same friends found in our east side foothills, but not all. With a valley between them many plants have evolved into new varieties. The hike starts at 2040 ft with an elevational loss and gain of 220 ft. (The second hike is in late April, beginning at Mud Flat Road and progressing toward the Thomes Creek Gorge.) Bring lunch, water, sun protection, and hiking shoes for a 3-5 mile round-trip. Bring money for ride sharing. Call for alternate meeting place. Leaders: Marjorie McNairn 530 343-2397, David Ledger 530 355-8542.

Executive Board Meeting

March 16 - 7 pm

CINDY WEINER'S 530 342-7645

President's Message

by WOODY ELLIOTT, President

Last January, I attended the almost annual Northern California Botanist Symposium on the Chico State Univ Campus. Potential effects of climate change were a persistent theme of academic presentations such as plant genomics obscurely defining taxa, adaptive management approaches to habitat restoration and changes in plant species habitat composition. I recommend visiting YouTube.Com and checking out any of the 12 videoed presentations on file. I greatly appreciated hearing the Keynote Dinner Speaker, Susan Harrison of UC Davis talking about her work in the Mendocino Range southeast of Clear Lake titled, *The Future of Plant Diversity in a Warmer, Drier California*. Our own John Dittes and Josephine Guardino are shown explaining their recent field surveys in northern California at Ash Creek State Wildlife Area in Big Valley in Lassen and Modoc Co and Gray Davis / Dye Creek in Tehama Co.

On July 10, 2015 President Obama proclaimed the creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. He acted by his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 because bills in Congress to establish the monument were stalled in committee. This 330,789-acre National Monument is comprised of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) lands which are unique in their biological diversity, geology and cultural history. A Forest Service press release states that "In the highest elevation Snow Mountain area, the biological diversity is among the richest in California."

On Saturday, March 19 at 11 am the BLM and USFS are hosting an event dedicating this Monument featuring notable governmental speakers, interpretive booths and afternoon wildflower walks at Horse Camp on Hwy 16, 20 minutes west of Williams. Both Sanhedrin and Mount Lassen Chapters of CNPS will be represented. Come join us at Cowboy Camp for the ceremonies commencing at 11 am or carpool with me from Chico Park & Ride (Hwys 32 & 99) at 8 am.

Legislative Notes

by DAVID ANDERSON

CNPS 'WATCHING" MANY BILLS

As of February 7, CNPS is monitoring more than 30 environmental bills pending in the Senate and Assembly of the California Legislature. The list is likely to grow since Legislators have until February 19 to introduce new bills. Some of these "watched" bills will become objects of CNPS support or opposition in their present or amended form. Amendments are especially likely during committee hearings. CNPS can communicate its position to legislators by personal contact, letters in support or opposition or expert testimony at hearings. Analyzing environmental bills and deciding which to support or oppose is a major project for the CNPS Conservation Program under Director Greg Suba and Legislative Analyst, Vern Goehring. When the CNPS position on bills becomes available it will be reported in the Pipevine.

If you are interested in getting the numbers and subject matter of all the bills that are being followed by CNPS, go to the CNPS website and click on Conservation and Legislative Tracking.

VINA PLAINS PRESERVE THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

March 27 and April 10
10am-noon

During springtime Vina Plains Preserve comes alive with colorful wildflowers which carpet the grasslands and ring the vernal pools in spectacular bands of color. The pools support many rare, threatened or endangered species and attract a large array of waterfowl and shorebirds that feast on small crustaceans that fill the pools this time of year.

The one-mile walk is relatively flat but the surface will be uneven, and may be slippery and wet in places depending on the weather. The hike will be led by CNPS botanists who are very knowledgeable about the flora of the site. Wear hiking boots for uneven and often muddy terrain. Bring water, snacks and binoculars. Dogs are not allowed during these events.

Vina Plains Preserve is managed by The Nature Conservancy, a leading international non-profit organization that conserves the lands and waters on which all life depends. The Conservancy and its members are responsible for the protection of more than 14 million acres in the US and have helped preserve more than 83 million acres in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. Learn more at nature.org! For reservations please contact Khanh Tran at 415-281-0400 or ktran@tnc.org.

Jim and Catie Bishop staffing the Chapter's table at January's Snow Goose Festival.

EVENTS

by Janna Lathrop, Events Chair

OUTREACH FOR SPRING 2016

It looks like another busy spring for staffing our Chapter's outreach table at local events. We will be asking for help for the upcoming OROVILLE WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL on April 2, CELEBRATE THE JEWELL in Bidwell Park in mid-April, MOUNT LASSEN GARDEN TOUR on May 1, and the ENDANGERED SPECIES FAIRE on May 7. Whew! As time draws closer I will issue my plea (humble requests) for VOLUNTEERS!

I truly appreciate all that signed up and helped staff at the two- day SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL in January. THANKS to Letha Albright, Cindy Weiner, Meryl Bond, Paula Shapiro, Leslie Lewis, Jim Bishop and Catie Bishop. THANKS to Woody Elliott for being our representative and staffing the table at the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BOTANISTS CONFERENCE at CSU Chico. I overlooked acknowledging our members that helped me with the CHICO HOME AND GARDEN SHOW last October: Ann Elliott, Woody Elliott, Elizabeth Tice and Letha Albright. THANKS TO ONE AND ALL.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BOTANISTS

Botany Research Scholarship Program

Applications due March 31, 2016

Northern California Botanists provides competitive botany and plant ecology research scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students attending a college or university. Scholarships will be funded by NCB with the goals of encouraging undergraduate students to pursue academic endeavors toward a career in botany, promoting undergraduate and graduate botany and plant ecology research, and implementing objectives of the NCB mission. $1000 awards designed to support basic undergraduate and graduate research. May reapply and receive a scholarship award up to a maximum of two years for undergraduates and graduates pursuing a Master's degree and up to a maximum of four years for graduate students pursuing a Doctorate degree. For more www.norcalbotanists.org/scholarships.htm

These businesses support the goals of the CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MEMBERS GET 10% DISCOUNT

March 12, 2016

INTRO TO KEYING MANZANITAS *Arctostaphylos*, Ericaceae. A group considered difficult by many people, the 90+ California manzanitas are actually easy to identify once you understand the characters and how they vary. TOM PARK, Professor of Biology, SF State and MIKE VASEY, Director, SF Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will be using keys from the *Jepson Manual, 2nd edition* or from their new book, *Field Guide to Manzanitas: California, North America and Mexico*, written by the instructors and Michael Kaufmann. Please register in advance

March 19, 2016

ROSETTES, JELLIES, & FROSTS-IN-DEPTH WITH LICHEN GENERA. This workshop will focus on species of five lichen genera found in the Sierra/Cascade foothills. TOM CARLBERG has a degree in botany from Humboldt State University and has been a cryptogamic botanist for 16 years. His current interest is jelly lichens and ageing lichens that grow on the leaves of evergreen vascular plants. Please register in advance.

For more information about the workshops please contact: www.friendsofthechicostateherbarium/eventsviewcalendar/

For more information about registration please contact the Biology office at (530)898-5356 or epurvis@csuchico.edu

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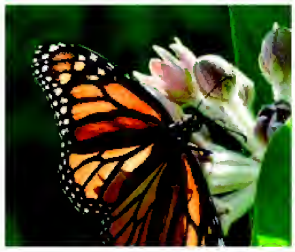

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Family / Library	$75
Plant Lover	$100
Patron	$300
Benefactor	$600

Calendar 2016

March

2 - General Meeting
12 - Yahi Trail
16 - Ex Board Meeting
19 - Berryessa Snow Mount
20 - Bidwell Ranch
26 - Nomlaki Trail

April

2 - Oroville Wildflower Festival
6 - General Meeting
20 - Ex Board Meeting

May

1 - Mount Lassen Garden Tour
4 - General Meeting
7 - Endangered Species Faire
18 - Ex Board Meeting